

artisanship, art, and excitement of America's best professional kitchens to the attention of the general public. And in doing so he has helped make his hometown of Monterey, California, one of the world's finest culinary treasures.

Chef Pisto was born in Syracuse New York, on October 16, 1941. His Italian immigrant parents, Santo and Santa Pisto, soon moved to Monterey, CA where Santo worked as a tailor for the Naval Postgraduate School. After graduating from Monterey High School, Pisto began work as a line cook at a fish house on Fisherman's Wharf, adjacent to Monterey harbor. Within a couple years he had learned, saved, and bought the place. The fish house began to acquire a large local following and soon celebrities such as Clint Eastwood and Doug McClure began flocking to what was one of the few wharf restaurants that actually served fresh fish harvested from the Monterey Bay.

After years of working as a top line chef, Pisto found his calling in developing new restaurants. Pisto first established Domenico's on the Wharf in the late 80's, then followed up with the Abalonetti Seafood Trattoria, followed by Paradiso Trattoria, and finally the Whaling Station. Located in the heart of Monterey's famous Cannery Row, Pisto's Whaling Station has earned an international reputation for some of the world's best steaks and freshest seafood. Each of these creations have both boosted the Monterey Peninsula's dynamic tourism industry and added to Monterey's hometown charm for its own residents.

However, Pisto is best known as the host of "Monterey's Cookin' Pisto Style". His unique style of cooking brings simplicity to recipes thought difficult to prepare, always with a touch of humor and informality. Pisto will often take viewers on adventures to culinary exploits around the world, then return to kitchen to prepare a recipe related to the excursion. The show has been filmed in China, Tunisia, Italy, France, Thailand, Portugal, Spain, Costa Rica, and Croatia, as well as dozens of U.S. locales. Celebrity guests have also been brought onto to the show, such as the legendary Julia Child, renown chef Charlie Trotter, musicians Michael Bolton, Johnny Rivers, Sammy Hagar, racing legend Mario Andretti, and the past Secretary of Defense and personal friend, Leon Panetta.

As Pisto slows down his schedule after years of dynamic work, it is appropriate to reflect on how much he has enriched our lives. And while he may let his business involvement cool down to a low simmer, I know that Pisto will continue to enrich the community that has benefited so much from his efforts over the past 50 years.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in offering John Pisto, his wife Cheryl, son Dana, and daughters Kim and Gia our gratitude and best wishes. Buon appetito!

CELEBRATING DR. LOWELL
DILLER

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Dr. Lowell Diller on the occa-

sion of his retirement from Green Diamond Resource Co. Dr. Diller's commitment and pioneering approach to scientific research and monitoring of fisheries and wildlife has been of tremendous benefit to California's North Coast and the United States.

Dr. Diller earned bachelors and masters degrees in zoology from Oregon State University before serving in the U.S. Army from 1970 to 1971, with a tour in Vietnam. He then attended the University of Idaho, where he earned a Ph.D. in zoology with a focus on herpetology.

In 1990, Dr. Diller was hired by Simpson Timber Co., now Green Diamond Resource Co. Dr. Diller developed a Habitat Conservation Plan for northern spotted owls for the company, the first for the species. The company now has the largest demographic data set within the range of the northern spotted owl. Dr. Diller was integral in developing Green Diamond's Aquatic Habitat Conservation Plan which covers the company's 457,000 acres in California.

Dr. Diller brought a passion for teaching to Humboldt State University's Department of Wildlife Management, where he is an adjunct professor since 2001. He has contributed to at least 37 peer-reviewed publications and major reports. Dr. Diller is a member of the California Board of Forestry Research and Science Committee and a member of the Northern Spotted Owl Recovery Team.

Dr. Diller's career in research and conservation will leave its mark for generations to come. Please join me in expressing deep appreciation to Dr. Lowell Verne Diller for his long and impressive record of service.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ELI
SETENCICH

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Eli Setencich, who passed away on July 12, 2014, at the age of 90. Eli was a veteran of America's greatest generation who will be greatly missed by residents throughout Central Valley.

Eli was born on April 10, 1924, in Sacramento, California and later moved to Sanger, California to live with relatives upon his mother's passing. In 1941, he graduated from Sanger High School and joined the Army Air Corps. During World War II, Eli flew 142 combat missions. He flew the A-36 Apache and P-47 Thunderbolt. Eli always showed great courage and superior flying ability during his combat missions. His service, heroism, and extraordinary achievements were recognized with two Distinguished Flying Cross awards.

In 1944, upon receiving his first Distinguished Flying Cross for the combat mission he completed in Italy, Eli was promoted from First Lieutenant to Captain. In 1945, Eli received his second Distinguished Flying Cross after flying a combat mission in Germany. He exhibited great leadership and determination.

When the war ended, Eli continued his service at the 144th Fighter Wing of the California Air National Guard. Later, he attended College

of the Sequoias and began his legacy in journalism. After working in the radio and television industry for a short time, he started his remarkable career at The Fresno Bee. Eli worked at The Bee for 41 years. He started out writing a weekly column, and later in his career, he was writing three columns a week. In 2002, Eli retired, and the contributions he made to the paper and the field of journalism were highly commended. Eli was a very insightful journalist, and his writing was both witty and humorous. His way with words could go unmatched.

Eli was a mentor and friend to countless individuals. His humble demeanor and ability to poke fun at himself was always refreshing. Eli will be greatly missed by his wife, Yvonne, daughter, Amy, and two grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to honor the life of Eli Setencich, an American hero and distinguished journalist. His presence will undoubtedly be missed, but the impact he made on our community will never be forgotten.

HONORING PAUL AND EMMA
ESKER

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2014

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paul and Emma Esker for their many contributions to healthcare, education and the arts in Madison County, Kentucky. The leadership of both these citizens has been evident and invaluable to Richmond and throughout Madison County.

In particular, I would like to recognize the Eskers' dedication to the Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center and its Infirmary Association, and to Baptist Health Richmond. Mr. Esker served as a member of the Pattie A. Clay Foundation Board of Directors from 2005 to 2012, and has worked at the hospital as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist since 1973.

Mrs. Esker served as the St. Mark Catholic Church representative to the Pattie A. Clay Infirmary Association and as a member of its Board of Directors from 2001 to 2012. In 2013, she joined the board of Baptist Health Foundation Richmond. She also served the community as president of the St. Mark Catholic School Board and as a director of the Richmond Area Arts Council. She is a retired Radiology Technician who was employed at Baptist Health Richmond.

The retirement of Mr. and Mrs. Esker on August 1, 2014 marks the end of decades of quiet, selfless commitment to Madison County and beyond. Their service is a role model and inspiration to many, and has made a real difference to generations.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF MADISON, NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2014

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the Borough of Madison, County of Morris, New Jersey.

The first residents of the borough of Madison were Lenape Indians with small villages located near rivers and streams. In 1715, when the first European settler, Barnabas Carter, reached what would become Madison, the Lenape had already left the area. The Presbyterian Church of South Hanover acquired a piece of land from Carter and built a meetinghouse on it. This place, known as "Bottle Hill," became a center for Presbyterianism.

When the Revolutionary War began, the 20 families who resided in Bottle Hill joined the Morris County militia. The group was led by Reverend Azariah Horton, a Presbyterian minister. Bottle Hill provided a direct route to and from Morristown. The town served as a camp for the largest Continental Army in the Revolutionary War during the winter of 1777. Officers took up quarters in Bottle Hill, and General George Washington was offered hospitality in homes that are still located on Ridgedale Avenue today.

Once a part of South Hanover, Bottle Hill was divided between Morris and Hanover Townships until 1806 when the village joined with Florham Park, Chatham Township, and Chatham Borough to create one Chatham Township. Bottle Hill was the name originally given to Madison, and there are two beliefs surrounding this moniker. One idea is that the name is derived from the bottle-like shape of the town's original land, which was formed by two hills. The other, more likely idea, comes from a tavern that was once located on top of a hill at the meeting of Park and Ridgedale avenues that advertised by hanging a bottle-shaped sign outside. The nickname is also used for Madison's annual "Bottle Hill Day" street fair. In 1834, to pay tribute to James Madison, the fourth President of the United States and father of the U.S. Constitution, Bottle Hill's name was changed to Madison. In 1889, Madison seceded from Chatham Township to create the Borough of Madison.

In the mid-1800s, Madison was nicknamed "The Rose City" during a time when Madison was a popular destination for wealthy families from New York City seeking fresh-air and an area on which to build their country homes. So as to ornament their estates, these families wanted fresh flowers every day. Thus, they used individual greenhouses to grow roses for themselves and, later in 1856, for the commercial market. The growth of Madison's rose production was made possible by the Morris and Essex Railroad service that began in 1937. Roses and rose shows in Madison became internationally known, and working-class immigrants from Germany, Italy, and Ireland were attracted to Madison because of jobs in the rose industry and on the estates there. The descendants of these ancestors that still reside in Madison make it the diverse municipality that it is today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating with the residents and the officials that represent the wonderful Borough of Madison on the occasion of their one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,621,751,199,943.72. We've added \$6,994,874,151,030.64 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE DESIGNATION OF A PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL ENVOY TO THE BALKANS

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2014

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing a resolution to recommend the designation of a Presidential Special Envoy to the Balkans.

In November of 1995 the United States government spearheaded a series of peace talks in Dayton, Ohio ending more than three years of warfare and genocide plaguing the Croats of the Balkans. Ultimately, from those talks stemmed the Dayton Peace Accords, establishing the new nation-state of Bosnia-Herzegovina. However, as time has lapsed for the Dayton Peace Accords the U.S. has made no attempt to revisit the many faults in the original agreements. The time has come to lend our services in aid of the Republic of Croatia and effect positive, and lasting diplomatic change.

While the U.S. has demanded that the Bosnian people initiate these revisions themselves, we have witnessed a nation-state with great political and economic potential fall back into violent patterns. As the Representative of the 44th district of California, an area steeped in Croatian culture, I have heard firsthand the concerns arising from growing political instability in the Bosnian-Herzegovinian region. This region is integral to the future success of our interdependent international community. We have an obligation to support the democratic and free market progress that has been hard won over the last two decades.

Therefore, I call upon this 113th Congress to designate a special presidential envoy to evaluate the successes and shortcomings of the Dayton Peace Accords, and to provide tangible policy recommendations to the Republic of Croatia. It is my greatest hope that the United States can be a catalyst for change and success in the new Bosnia-Herzegovina region.

SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF ECODISTRICTS

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2014

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to express my support for the work of EcoDistricts, a national organization founded in my district in Portland, Oregon, and which fosters innovation, community action, and sustainability at the neighborhood level.

I have spent my career working to build livable communities in my hometown of Portland and around the country. These are communities where people are safe, economically secure and healthy. The EcoDistrict model has achieved great success in achieving this goal by starting small and engaging neighbors, local businesses, and government in the process of improving communities and creating spaces where employers want to locate and families want to live.

We have seen the success of Portland's EcoDistricts, which are diverse and range from downtown near Portland State University, to the Lents neighborhood in the Southeast part of the city. This is an area that has struggled for decades with crime, air quality, transportation access, and equity issues. The engagement fostered by these districts helped approve a project to stripe bike lanes on the major arterial to Lents, a farmers market now runs every Sunday through the summer that features local immigrant communities, and volunteers are helping kids create gardens at three neighborhood schools.

The EcoDistrict model and process does more than just set goals and implement projects. It helps neighbors identify shared values and work together to make their shared spaces fit those values. I am thrilled that this model has since been expanded to other cities around the country, and look forward to continued success stories.

Thank you to the EcoDistrict team, and to the leaders involved in this initiative, for continuing this important on-the-ground work to make communities across the nation more livable.

CELEBRATING THE RUSSIAN RIVER HEALTH CENTER 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the Russian River Health Center on the occasion of the organization's 40th Anniversary Celebration and National Health Centers Week on August 15, 2014.

For four decades, the Russian River Health Center has been recognized as an invaluable asset within the community and has continued to serve the growing and diverse needs of the people of West Sonoma County. The Center's HIV program has become a model and a leader in the integration of HIV care in a primary care setting and continues to provide care to people affected by the disease and reduce the spread of it in our community. In 2002, West